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SUBJ: NTV KADUNA PANEL DISCUSSION OF SECRETARY'S AFRICAN TRIP

REF : KADUNA 392

1. NTV KADUNA "WORLD SCENE" PROGRAM APRIL 21 WAS DEVOTED TO
PANEL DISCUSSION OF SECRETARY'S TRIP TO AFRICA. PANELISTS
WERE SIDI ALI SIRAJI - NATIONAL CHAIRMAN NIGERIAN UNION OF
JOURNALISTS, F.E.J. ETIM - HEAD OF FOOD SCIENCE AND CATERING
DEPARTMENT AT KADUNA POLYTECHNIC, M. UKO AND ABUBAKAR SULE
WHOSE AFFILIATIONS UNKNOWN, WITH NTV-KADUNA PRODUCER NYAKA
MINDAPA MODERATING. PANELISTS SPENT THIRTY MINUTES PLAYING
SECRETARY AND US FOR PAST AND PRESENT SINS.

2. AMONG SHOPWORN THEMES TOUCHED UPON WERE: PROTECTION OF
US INVESTMENT IN SOUTH AFRICA WAS MAIN REASON FOR TRIP;
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SECRETARY COMING TO "CONFUSE" AFRICAN LEADERS; PRIMARY US

INTERESTS IN AFRICA ARE EXPLOITATION, IMPERIALISM, CONFUSION AND FRICTION-CREATION; BLACK AFRICA MEANS NOTHING TO US (WITH CITATION OF PRESIDENT'S LETTER TO AF CHIEFS OF STATE ON ANGOLA AS ILLUSTRATION); PLIGHT OF AMERICAN BLACKS PROOF THAT US DOES NOT ACCEPT RIGHT OF BLACK MAN TO LIVE FREELY; NON-MEETING OF NIXON AND GOWON IN US SEVERAL YEARS AGO AND ALLEGED US ROLE IN NIGERIAN CIVIL WAR CITED AS EVIDENCE OF OUR INDIFFERENCE TO NIGERIA. ONE NEW THEME INTRODUCED WAS SUGGESTION THAT SECRETARY VISITING AFRICA TO SUPERVISE AND INSTRUCT HIS "AGENTS OF DISTRUSTION- IF YOU WILL, THE CIA." ONLY CURRENT THEME NOT RPT NOT TOUCHED UPON WAS SUGGESTION OF US IMPLICATION IN FEBRUARY 13 EVENTS.

3. COMMENT: LEVEL OF DISCUSSION WAS ON A PAR WITH RECENT NIGERIAN PRESS TREATMENT OF US. PANEL WAS OBVIOUSLY STACKED WITH HALF-BAKED SO-CALLED INTELLECTUALS WHOSE VIEWS WERE ANTI-AMERICAN IN THE EXTREME. IN VIEW CLOSED MINDS OF PANELISTS AND TONE OF PROGRAM DECISION OF PO NOT TO PARTICIPATE FULLY VALIDATED. BURKE UNQUOTE
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